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the extraordinary adventures of
FANTOMIUS
~gentleman thief~
behind the mask of lord quackett, the clumsy good for nothing aristocrat lies fantomius, the famous gentleman thief, whose diary set off the birth of paperinik
1914, somewhere near vienna
i have the rings of cagliostro john, but duke irrelevant has called the police!
as expected, jen yu! let's climb the tower!
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what now? i hope you thought to bring a rope
nope. no rope. but i do have copernicus's new hang glider!
BIP
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ready to take flight?
BZZZ-
that's not the only thing i'll be taking
i never saw myself as the type to wear a ring on my finger. i'd prefer a bunch of 'em! hehe!
what the-?! give me the rings!
a "gentleman" doesn't ask for the ring back when the engagement's broken off!
i'm serious, jen yu!
so am i! sorry john, but our partnership ends here!
?
goodbye, dear!
you're making a huge mistake!
i'm doing this for you! too much of a femme fatale could be fatal!
PIN-PON
PIN-PON
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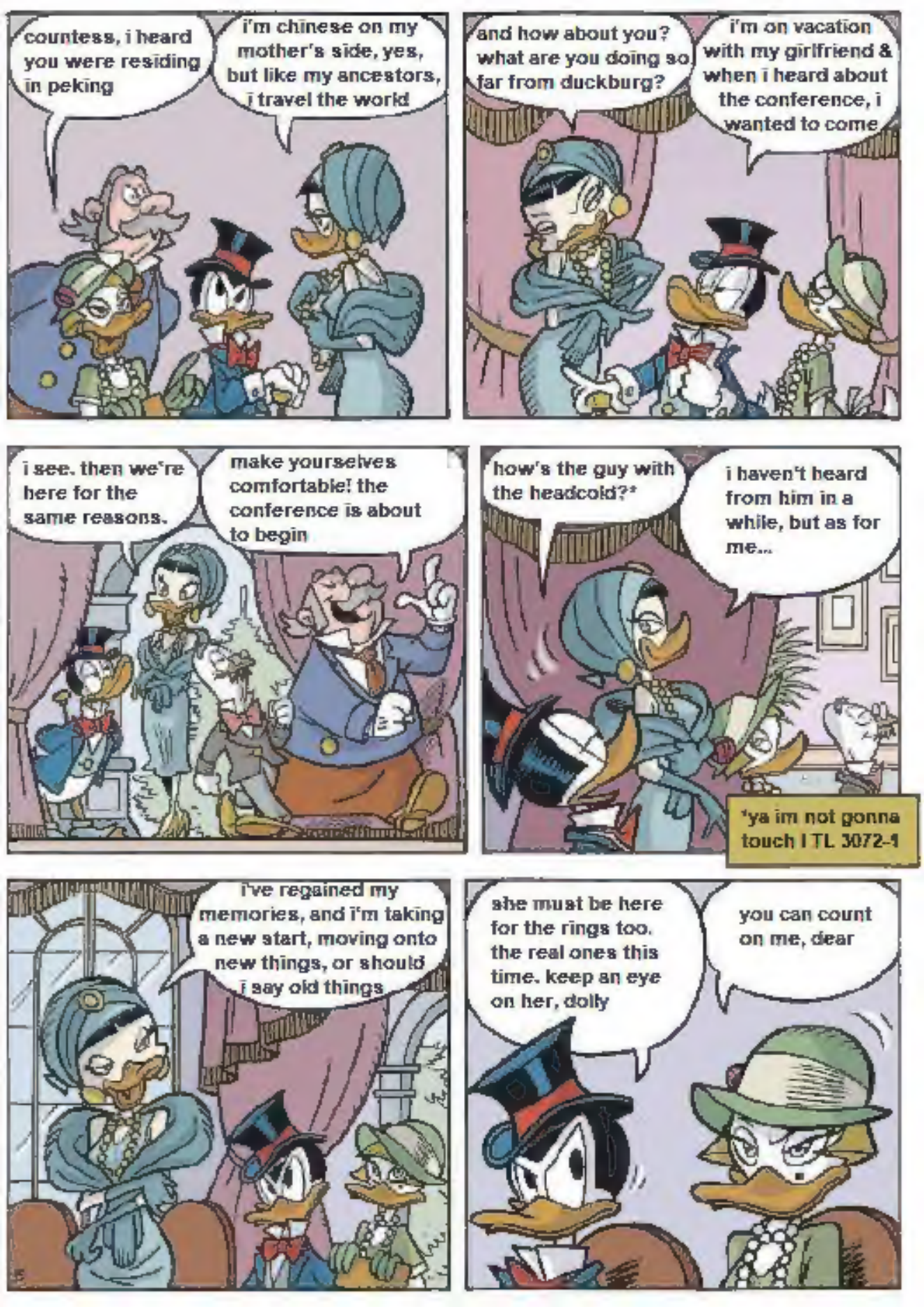
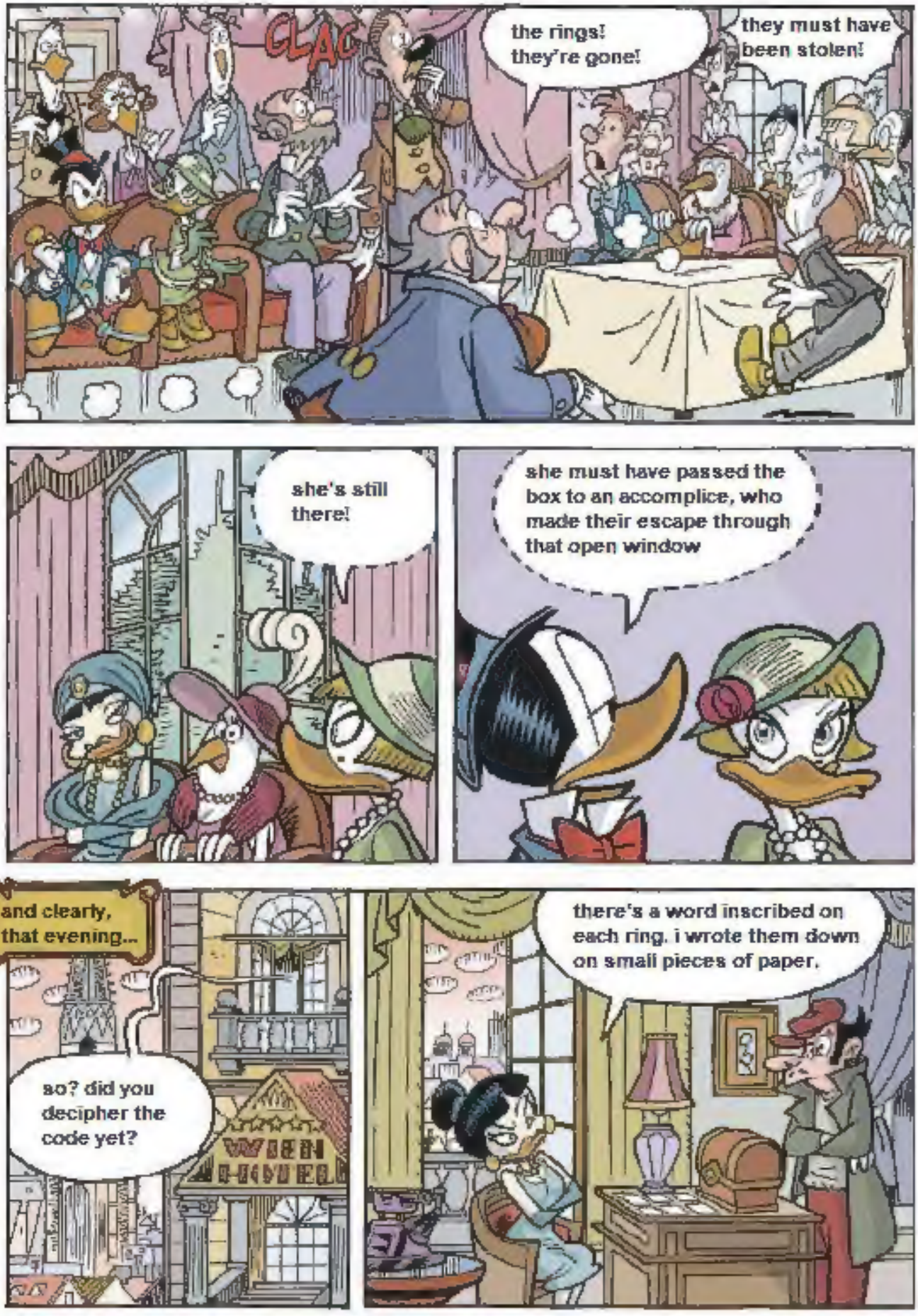
those rings were *fake*!
duke irrelevant! where is fantomius?
up in the tower! quick!
luckily i have my gyrocopter on me
BZZZ
BOING
there he is!
stop! police!
WRR-RRR-RR
POF
sorry. i'm not in the mood for a party tonight.

The Rings of Cagliostro

1922. a treasure hunting conference in vienna
buried treasure has always fascinated me, baron
you're in luck, lord quackett! the famed professor quackson will tell us of the mystery of the treasure of the count of cagliostro!
the famous 18th century adventurer and alchemist claimed to turn metal into gold! interesting!
I was thinking the same thing
hello! i'm the countess of cagliostro!
JEN YU!
what an honor, m'lady!


countess, i heard you were residing in peking
i'm chinese on my mother's side, yes, but like my ancestors, i travel the world
and how about you? what are you doing so far from duckburg?
i'm on vacation with my girlfriend & when i heard about the conference, i wanted to come
i see. then we're here for the same reasons.
make yourselves comfortable! the conference is about to begin
how's the guy with the headcold?*
i haven't heard from him in a while, but as for me...
*ya im not gonna touch i TL 3072-1
i've regained my memories, and i'm taking a new start, moving onto new things, or should i say old things
she must be here for the rings too. the real ones this time. keep an eye on her, dolly
you can count on me, dear

later...
cagliostro inscribed a secret code on seven golden rings meant to reveal the location of his treasure
while studying abroad in germany, i discovered them, hidden for centuries in a collection of relics in geldern where cagliostro himself often visited
i was lucky enough to have them lent to me so i could show them here today at the conference!
VLAN
as you've probably noticed, contrary to what you may think, these rings weren't meant to be put on your fingers!
CLAC
what happened?!
who turned off the lights?
CRAAAC
this is clearly the work of jen yu!
BOUM


CLAC
the rings! they're gone!
they must have been stolen!
she's still there!
she must have passed the box to an accomplice, who made their escape through that open window
and clearly, that evening...
so? did you decipher the code yet?
there's a word inscribed on each ring. i wrote them down on small pieces of paper.

but i can't make any sense of them!
SARE
REALRI
GLIOSTRO
INMA
NG
NOR
CA
TOC TOC
huh? who's that?
room service, im hoping!
hide! no one can know you're here!
alright, but at least share the food they bring!
letter for you, countess.
a letter?
perfect! i only need a couple seconds!
BOING

here. this is for you!
thank you, countess!
ka-ching
BOING
i wonder who it's fr-wha?!
FANTOMIUS!
FANTOMIUS
GENTLEMAN CAMBRIOLEUR
the box disappeared!
where's the grub? don't tell me you ate it all!
shut it! oh what i fool i was! he must have stolen the rings while his partner distracted me!
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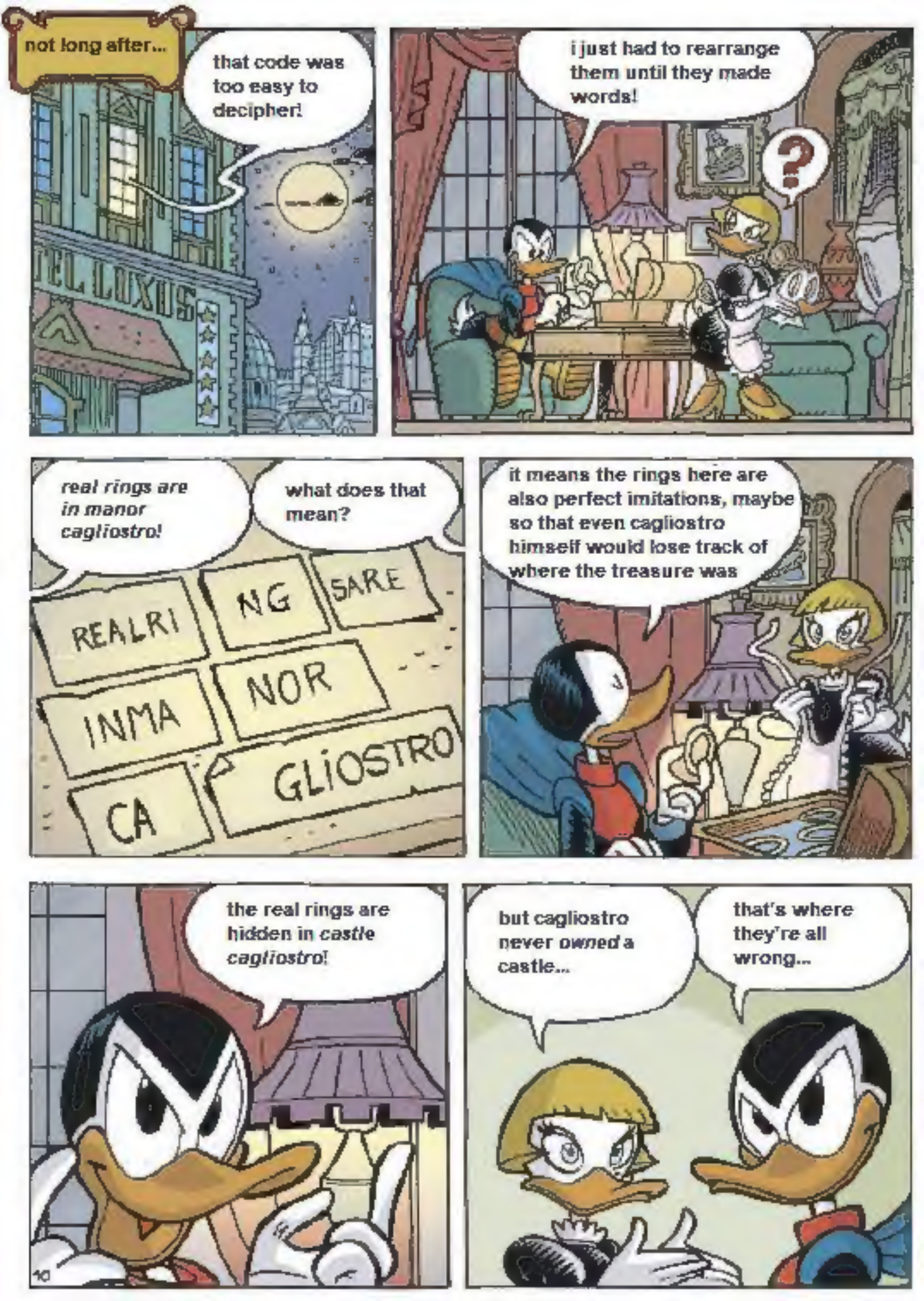
not long after...
that code was too easy to decipher!
HOTEL LUXUS
i just had to rearrange them until they made words!
?
real rings are in manor cagliostro!
what does that mean?
REALRI
NG
SARE
INMA
NOR
CA
GLIOSTRO
it means the rings here are also perfect imitations, maybe so that even cagliostro himself would lose track of where the treasure was
the real rings are hidden in castle cagliostro!
but cagliostro never owned a castle...
that's where they're all wrong...
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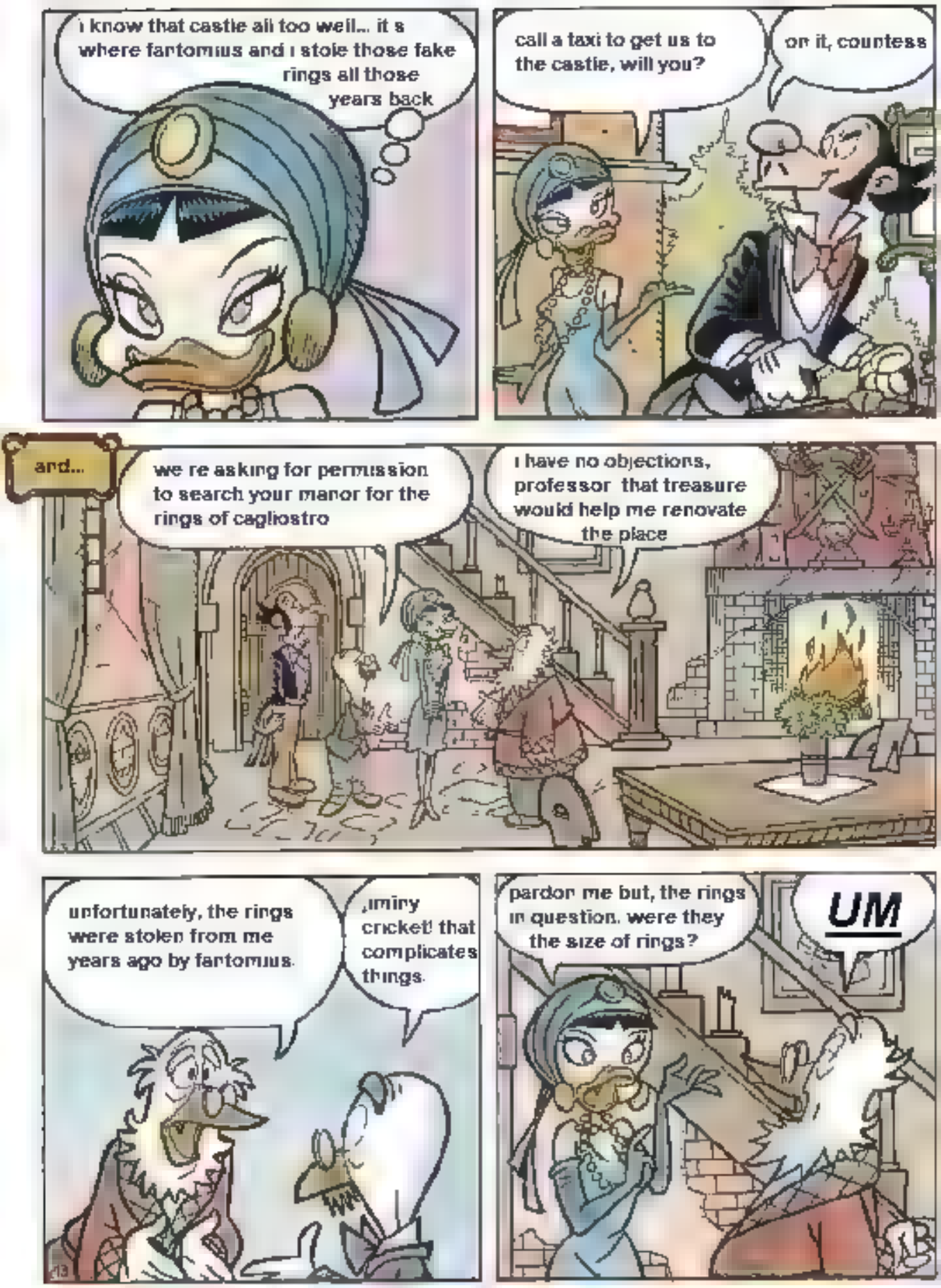
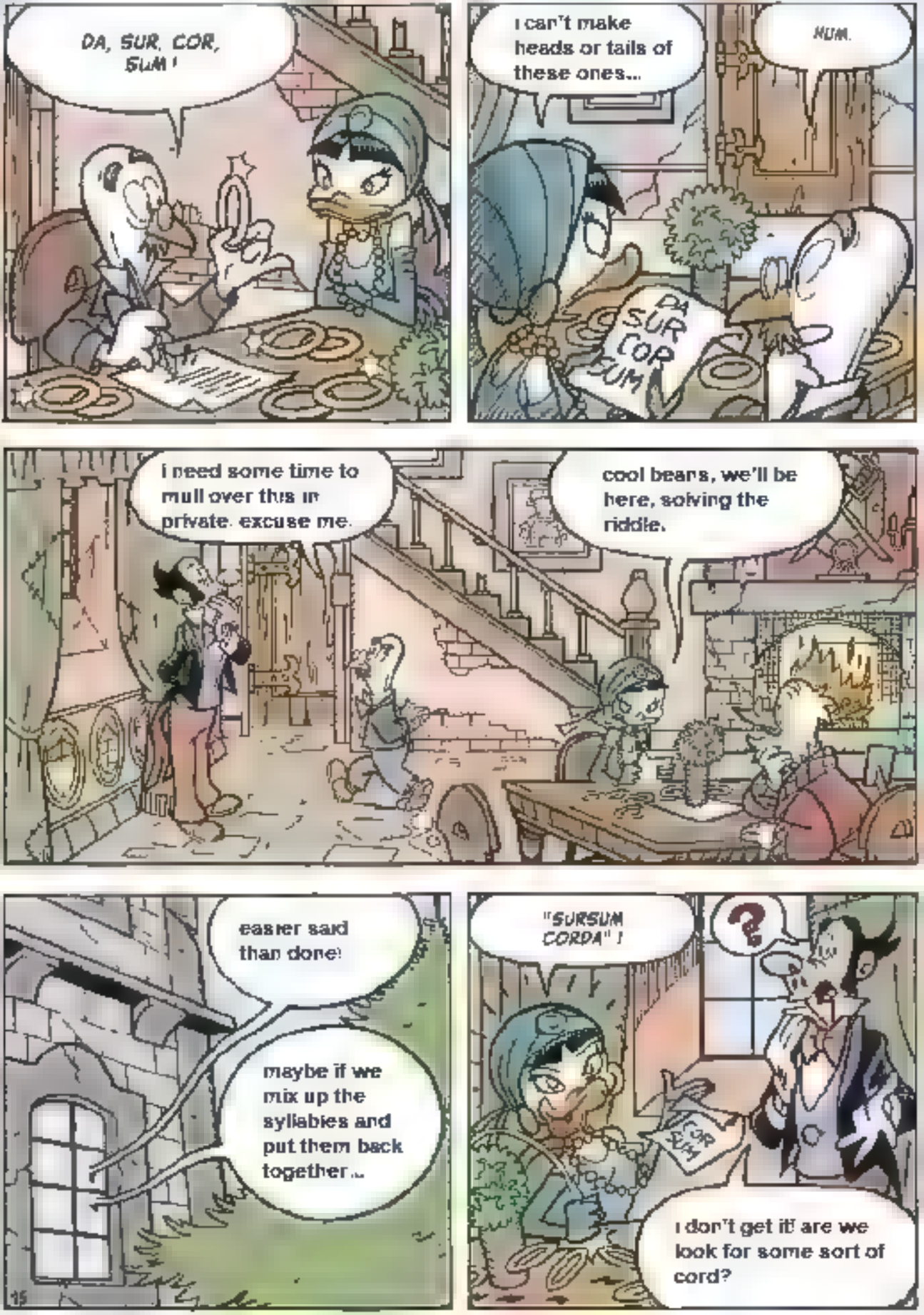
the next morning...
professor, i was wondering if you were able to decipher the code before the rings were stolen
to be honest, i suspect those rings are fakes and the code is nothing more than a bad prank
how come?
when you reunite the syllables, you learn the real rings are in castle cagliostro, in some supposed manor
cagliostro was an adventurer, who scoured the heart of europe without any real place to call home, so for him to own a castle... imagine that!
that's where you're wrong! castle cagliostro exists. i could even drive you there if you like!

we'll have cracked the code once we've discovered the rings!
dear countess, that is an offer i can't refuse!
in that case, meet me at the train station in an hour! my butler can see to the tickets
i'll be there!
VILLA VON OGRAF
me too, hehe!
and so...
welcome to cagliostro! birthplace of my famed ancestor, or so it seems
CAGLIOSTRO
and there's castle cagliostro! currently owned by some duke or whatever
of course! castle cagliostro was the castle *in* cagliostro!
GARE DE CAGLIOSTRO
TAXI
POSTE


i know that castle all too well... it s where fartomius and i stole those fake rings all those years back
call a taxi to get us to the castle, will you?
on it, countess
and...
we re asking for permission to search your manor for the rings of cagliostro
i have no objections, professor that treasure would help me renovate the place
unfortunately, the rings were stolen from me years ago by fartomius.
¡mirry cricket! that complicates things.
pardon me but, the rings in question. were they the size of rings?
UM

if they are those ones are also fakes. let s suppose in fact that the real rings were much larger, like the rings hanging up a curtain.
of course! quick: get me a chair!
?
here!
thankies
here they are! the *real* rings of cagliostro!
incredible! even the famed fantomius couldn't figure that out!
case closed! i'd give everything to see the see the look on his face when he hears this
for now, let's decipher the code engraved inside these rings


DA, SUR, COR, SUM!
I can't make heads or tails of these ones...
HUM.
DA SUR COR SUM
I need some time to mull over this in private. excuse me.
cool bears, we'll be here, solving the riddle.
easier said than done!
maybe if we mix up the syllables and put them back together...
"SURSUM CORDA"!
COR SUM
I don't get it! are we look for some sort of cord?
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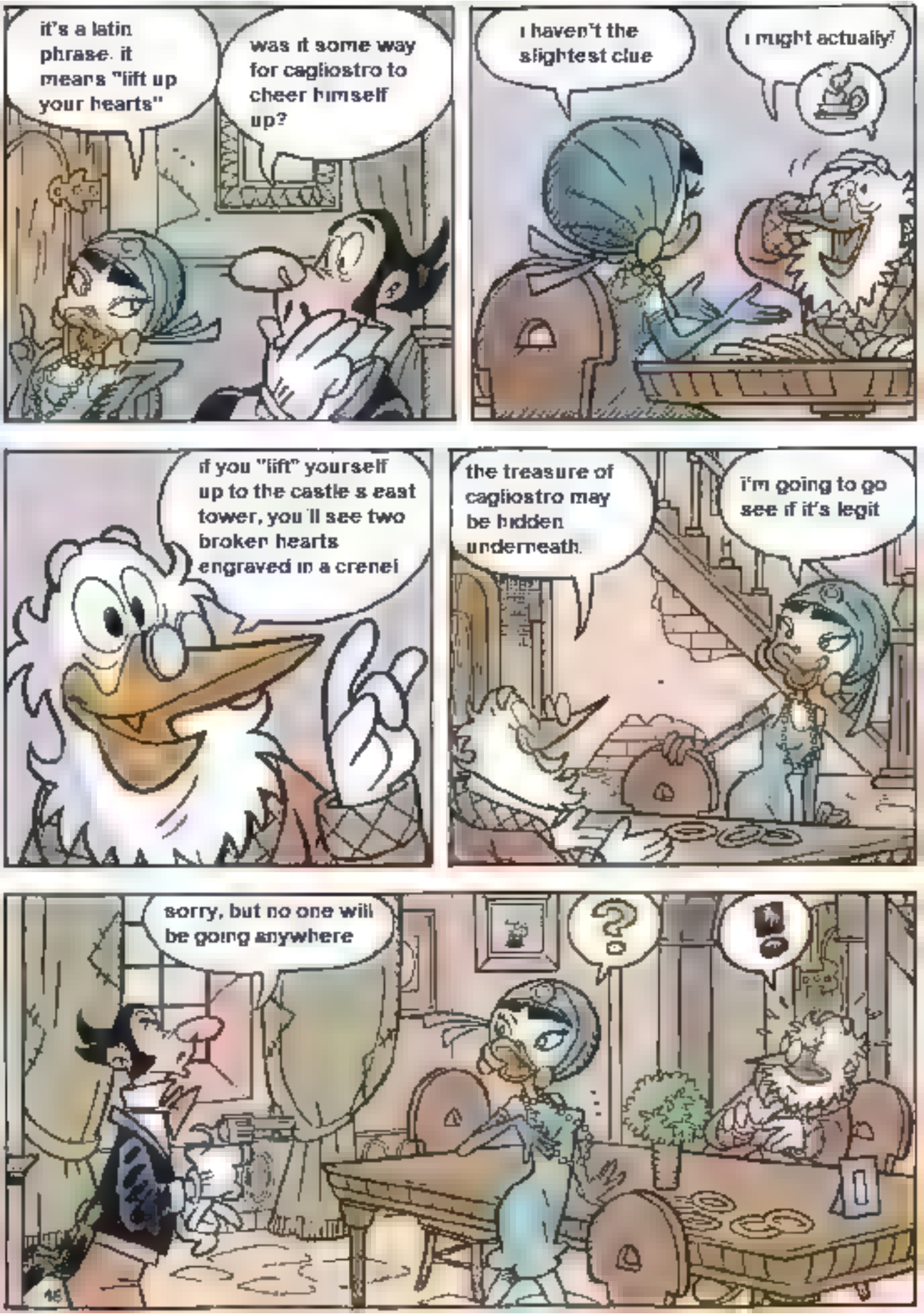
it's a latin phrase. it means "lift up your hearts"
was it some way for cagliostro to cheer himself up?
i haven't the slightest clue
i might actually!
if you "lift" yourself up to the castle s east tower, you'll see two broken hearts engraved in a crenel
the treasure of cagliostro may be hidden underneath.
i'm going to go see if it's legit
sorry, but no one will be going anywhere
?
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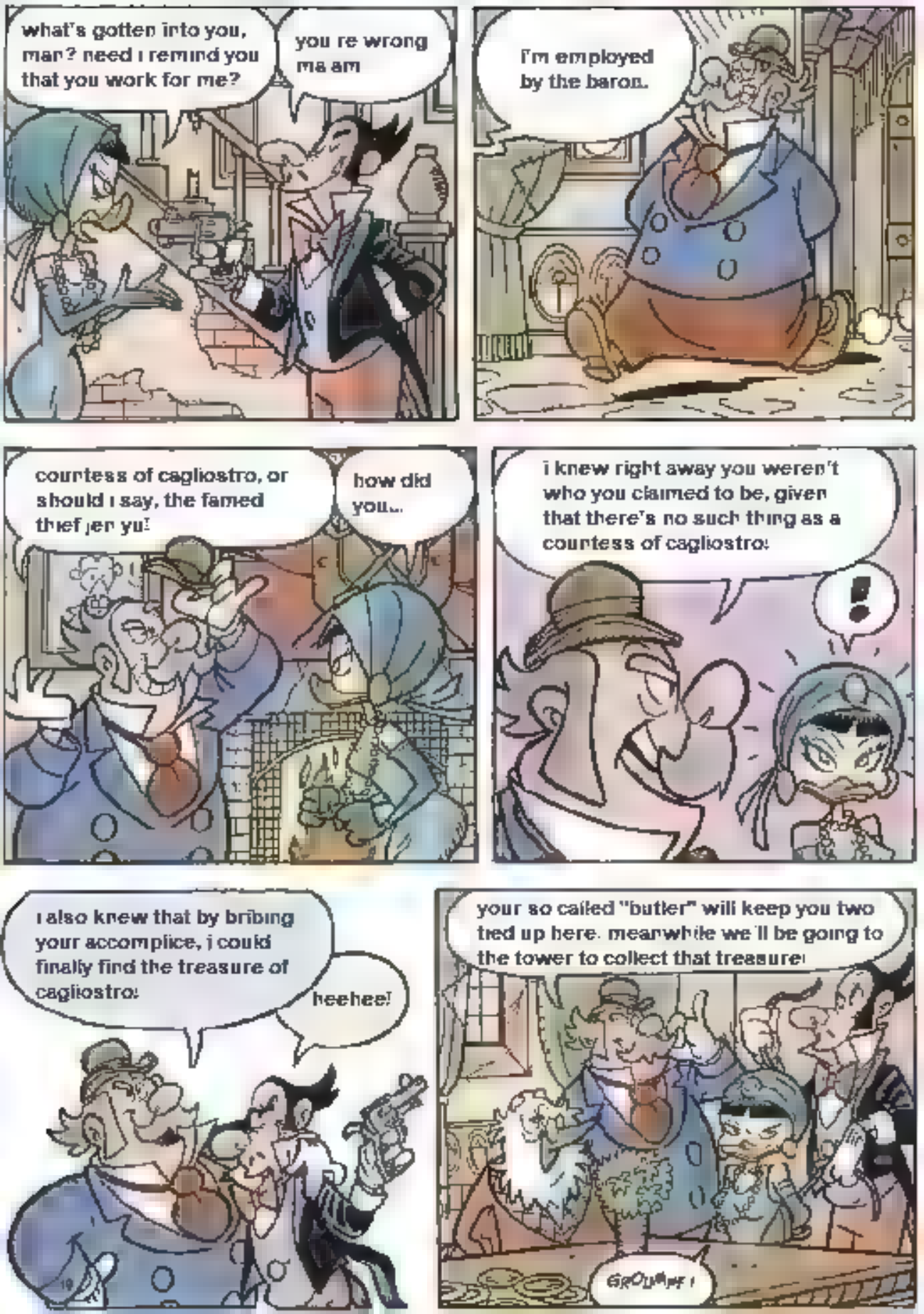
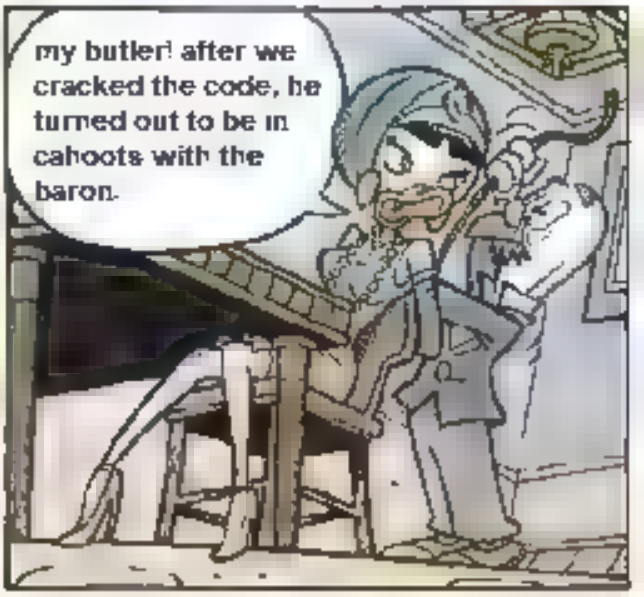
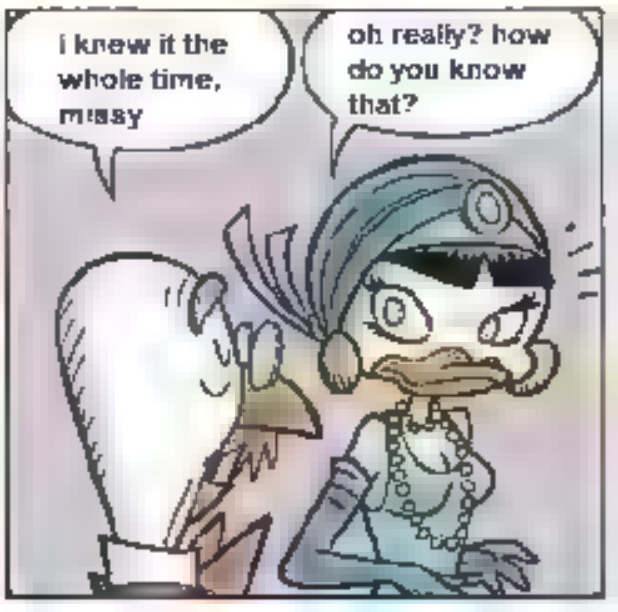

what's gotten into you, man? need i remind you that you work for me?
you re wrong ma am
i'm employed by the baron.
courtess of cagliostro, or should i say, the famed thief jen yu!
how did you...
i knew right away you weren't who you claimed to be, given that there's no such thing as a courtess of cagliostro!
!
i also knew that by bribing your accomplice, i could finally find the treasure of cagliostro!
heehee!
your so called "butler" will keep you two tied up here. meanwhile we'll be going to the tower to collect that treasure!
GROUAHF!

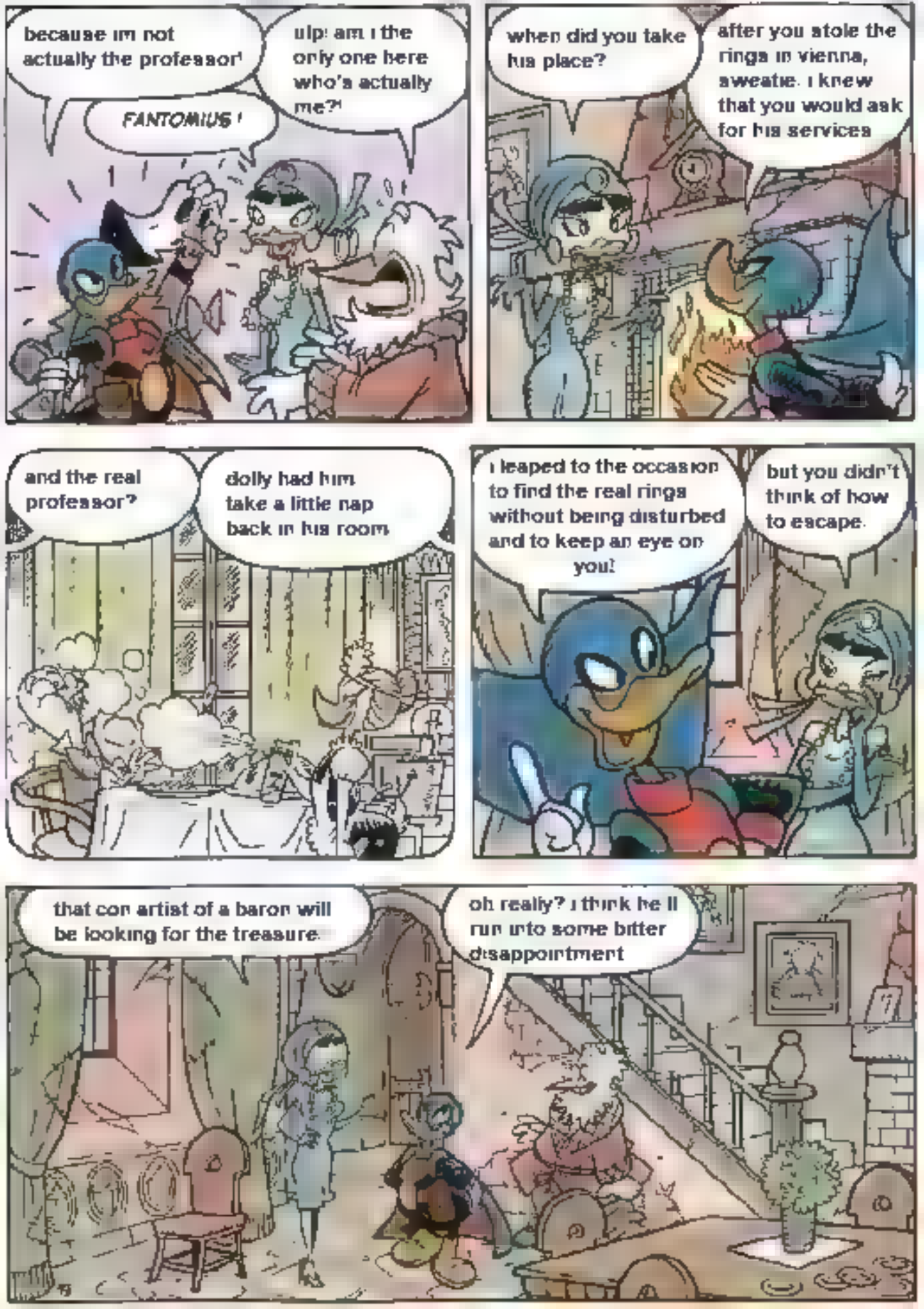
you won't get away with this, you jackals
you know, for a countess you have such a rude tone
HUH. HUH!

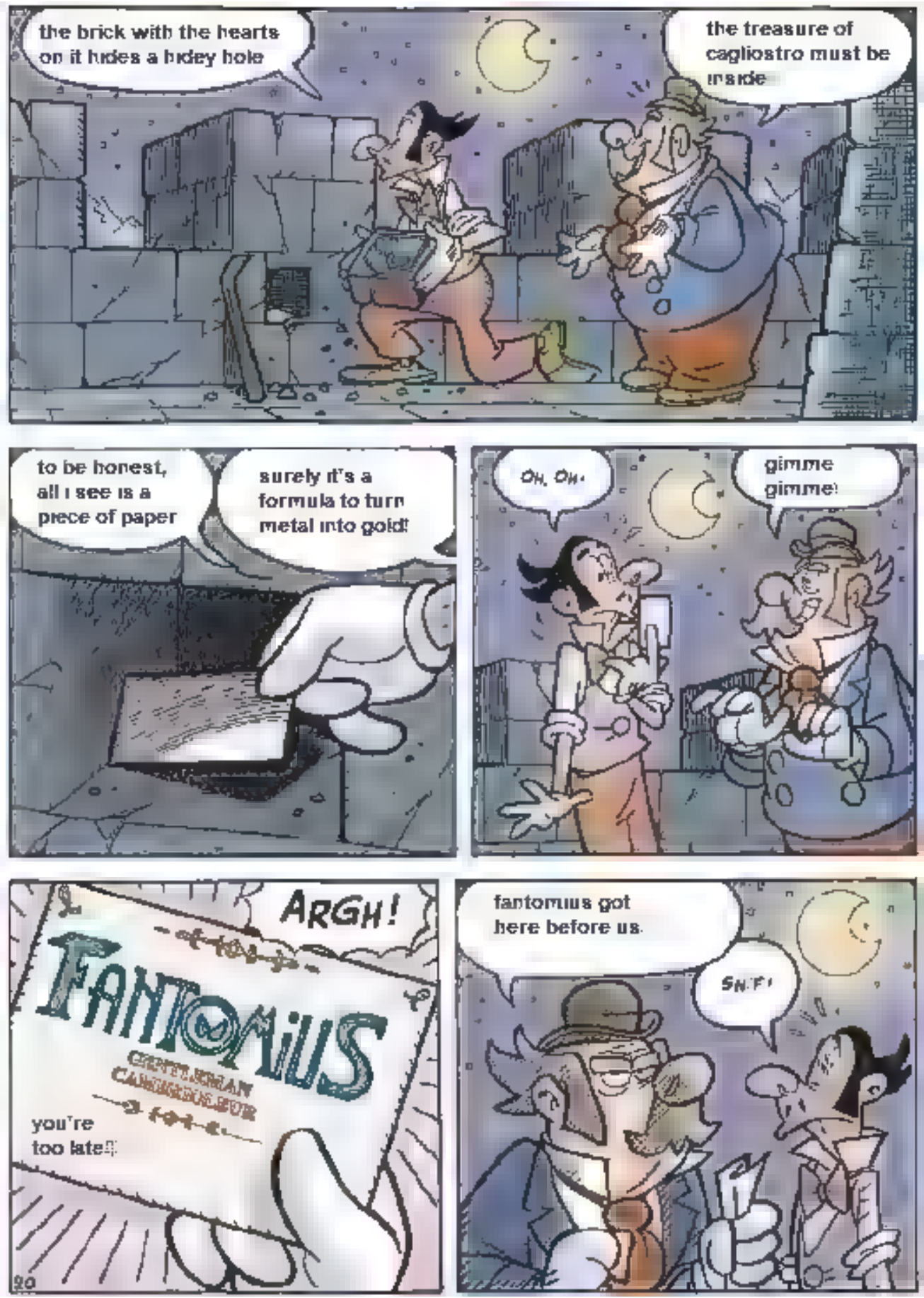
golly gee whiz! how did you two end up tied up?


my butler! after we cracked the code, he turned out to be in cahoots with the baron.

professor! that duck isn't the countess of cagliostro but... phantom thief dolly paprika.
IM JEN YU! but let's not focus on that ok?


i knew it the whole time, missy
oh really? how do you know that?


because im not actually the professor!
FANTOMIUS !
ulp! am i the only one here who's actually me?!
when did you take his place?
after you stole the rings in vienna, sweatie. i knew that you would ask for his services
and the real professor?
dolly had him take a little nap back in his room
i leaped to the occasion to find the real rings without being disturbed and to keep an eye on you!
but you didn't think of how to escape.
that con artist of a baron will be looking for the treasure.
oh really? i think he'll run into some bitter disappointment


the brick with the hearts on it hides a hidey hole
the treasure of cagliostro must be inside
to be honest, all i see is a piece of paper
surely it's a formula to turn metal into gold!
OH, OH!
gimme gimme!
ARGH!
FANTOMIUS
GENTLEMAN CAMBRIOLEUR
you're too late!!
fantomius got here before us.
SNIF!

i'll lock the door and throw away the key so our two rascals can wait patiently for the police
CLACT
CLACT
you can call the cops as soon as i'm out the door, dear duke.
but there's also a back exit!
that one i've already locked, just before returning down here with cagliostro's gold pieces!
so you found his treasure?!
did you doubt me? i went to get them when i said i was mulling it over in private
however i cracked the code on the rings immediately. that tower... i recognized it right away...

because i could never forget *those two broken hearts*
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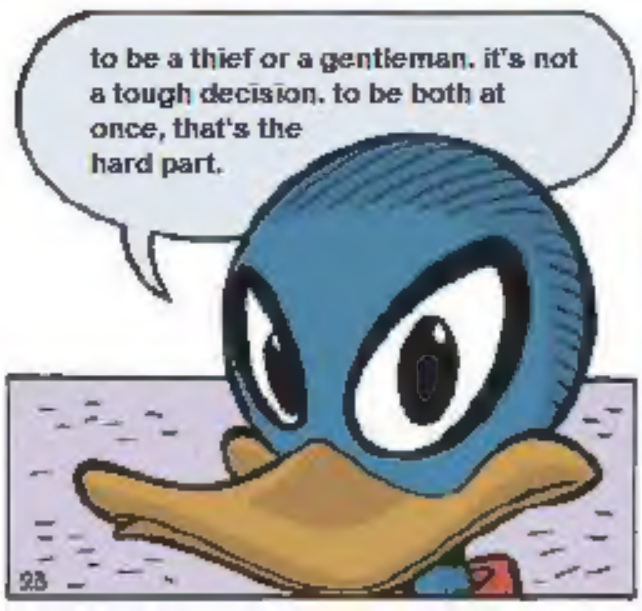
i made a mistake! I'll admit it! and i've been regretting it every day!
let's get back together and *share the treasure!*
sharing the treasure.... now there's a rich idea...
oh, dear...
i'll return half of it to the duke so that he can afford to refurbish his castle!
uh? thanks?
always with the romanticism, idiot. are you to proud to return to me? huh?
or. you know. too happily committed.

then take your lousy happy commitments! me, i'm taking this!
!
HOP

in our camp, there's no place for gentlemen!

why are you letting her get away! she's a thief!

you know duke, i'm a thief too!
but you're also a gentleman!


to be a thief or a gentleman. it's not a tough decision. to be both at once, that's the hard part.

now i can return to my dear dolly. i've been too far from her for far too long!
!
HOP!

in a secret place...
do you have cagliostro's treasure?
obviously! and he didn't suspect for a single second that i was working for you!
here you are! pieces of gold of an immeasureable value!
EXCELLENT!
TIC-TIC-TIC
what the?! this is a bag of buttons!
PARDON?
TIC-TIC
he knew that i would try to steal his bag, and of course i did. he was one step ahead of me. what a duck!
but i'm on his heels! i'll be the artisan of his demise, or my name isn't...
...gearloose!
FIN
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golly what a cliffhanger! i hope you didn't spoil it for yourself by reading something like an *inducks link*